

2. (Amended) The [Tracheal] cannula based on claim 1, characterized such that the membrane is not permeable to water.

3. (Amended) The [Tracheal] cannula based on claim 2, characterized such that the membrane consists essentially of polytetrafluoroethylene (PTFE).

4. (Amended) The [Tracheal] cannula based on claim 2, characterized such that the membrane comprises polytetrafluoroethylene (PTFE).

5. (Amended) The [Tracheal] cannula based on claim 3, characterized such that the membrane comprises a fabric made of PTFE lacing.

6. (Amended) The [Tracheal] cannula based on claim 4, characterized in that the membrane consists of a fabric made of PTFE lacing.

7. (Amended) The [Tracheal] cannula based on claim 1, characterized such that at the entrance of the cannula, a valve is provided which opens upon inhalation and closes upon exhalation.

8. (Amended) The [Tracheal] cannula based on claim 2, characterized such that at the entrance of the cannula, a valve is provided which opens upon inhalation and closes upon exhalation.

9. (Amended) The [Tracheal] cannula based on claim 3, characterized such that at the entrance of the cannula, a valve is provided which opens upon inhalation and closes upon exhalation.

10. (Amended) The [Tracheal] cannula based on claim 4, characterized such that at the entrance of the cannula, a valve is provided which opens upon inhalation and closes upon exhalation.

11. (Amended) The [Tracheal] cannula based on claim 5, characterized such that at the entrance of the cannula, a valve is provided which opens upon inhalation and closes upon exhalation.

12. (Amended) The [Tracheal] cannula based on claim 6, characterized such that at the entrance of the cannula, a valve is provided which opens upon inhalation and closes upon exhalation.

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13. (Amended) The [Tracheal] cannula based on claim 1, characterized such that the cuff is connected via a line to balloon means for the inflation of the cuff and for controlling the cuff pressure.

14. (Amended) The [Tracheal] cannula based on claim 2, characterized such that the cuff is connected via a line to balloon means for the inflation of the cuff and for controlling the cuff pressure.

15. (Amended) The [Tracheal] cannula based on claim 3, characterized such that the cuff is connected via a line to balloon means for the inflation of the cuff and for controlling the cuff pressure.

16. (Amended) The [Tracheal] cannula based on claim 4, characterized such that the cuff is connected via a line to balloon means for the inflation of the cuff and for controlling the cuff pressure.